**ACTIVITY IDEAS**

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| **WRITING** | | **MATH** | | | **SOCIAL STUDIES** | |
| Write to a Character (letters, postcards, emails, texts, etc.)  Write a conversation or texts between characters  Design an Ad or TV Commercial based on the book  Make up Different Endings  Write Poems, Stories, Journals, Book Review, Fable  Have a Character keep a Diary  Make a Vocabulary Poster or Chart  Draw a Picture of a Sentence, Passage, or Favorite Part  Plan a Trip to the setting and/or make a Travel Brochure  Write questions to ask a character or classmates (Quiz Show?)  Facebook Profile for a Character  Compare / Contrast  Find Words or Letters in text or Word Search  Crossword Puzzle based on story or vocabulary  Make a Secret Code with shapes, then write a message  Write Jokes and Riddles  Make an Award for the book or character  Create a Recipe or Cookbook  Write a How-to-Guide or Instruction Manual  Alphabet Book  Play or Script  Business Card  What if…? Change something in story.  Write a Song or Rap  News Story for Television  Invent Something  Pen Pals with other Sites or online  Make and Conduct a Survey  Create a Website or Magazine  Silly Words  Flip or Pop Up Book  Greeting Card  Tongue Twisters  Design a Book Cover  Talk Show  Facts Poster  List Words  Research Report  Make a Check List  Create a Contest | | Solve Real Life Problems from book  Graph Data (from survey or story element)  Draw a Plan to Make Something – 3-D or with Measurement  Work with Geometric Shapes to build or make a design  Measure Real Objects  Scale something up or down  Probability  Fractions  Add or Subtract  Multiply or Divide  Go Shopping in Ads  Count and Sort  Use Coordinates to Find things on Map  Area and Perimeter  Volume and Capacity  Create a Catalog with Prices  Write a Math Problem for Classmates to Solve  Tangrams  A Counting Book  Compare Objects for bigger / smaller, taller / shorter / longer  Arrange from Biggest to Smallest, Least to Most Expensive  Plan a Menu with Calories and or Prices  Match or Find Shapes  Make a Calendar  Write a Story Problem  Use all five senses to describe something  Use coupons and advertisements to make a grocery list  Time Line  Pictograph  Find or Make Patterns  Use Tally Marks  Keep Score in a Game  Build with Blocks or Legos and Chart Number/Type of Blocks  Make and Play a Board / Card Game  Change a recipe (double, triple or half ingredients)  Balance a budget | | | Make a Map  Write Directions to Find Something in the Room  Keep a Travel Journal  Draw Settings in Book and find on map you made or a real map  Chart or Map the Travels in the Story  Write a History based on the book  Diagram Geographic Features in Story  Research Something from the Past  Plan a Route for a Trip, Draw and Label it  Draw and Describe the Community and Workers  Plan a Field Trip – Real or Imaginary  Make a 3-D Map  Find Real Places on a Map  Research Natural Resources or a Place in the Story  Draw Houses, Clothes, Tools from the book  Describe People, Places, Things, Culture  Timeline of Story Events  Pack a Bag for a Trip to a setting in book  Invent a new country with landforms, resources, flag, etc.  Use a real GPS or Map App to find place in the book  Make a How-To Video  Invent a Tool  Make a Flag  Draw or Design a way to Travel  Conduct a poll  Research a cause and plan a fundraiser for it  Read news snippets and map where they happened  Interview someone about a different time  Make Graphs  Make a cartogram  Practice giving directions from a map  Map your neighborhood with landmarks and safe spots | |
| **SCIENCE** | **ART** | | **GAMES** | **ONLINE RESOURCES** | | **FIELD TRIPS** |
| Make a Recipe  Do an Experiment  Observe and Record  Collect Information  Invent Something New  Analyze a Diet for Nutrition / Health  Make a Model  Diorama  Walk Like an Animal  Make a Collection of Something  Examine something, draw and label Examine with a magnifying glass  Make a Habitat  Improve Safety  Look at Health Issues of Characters  Nature Walk  Build something (tower, car, boat)  Categorize and Group  Invent new animals with adaptations  Make a chemical reaction  Draw/Explain parts of the body  Make different models of paper  airplanes and have a competition  Make tops out of Legos | Design Flag, Logo, Book Cover, etc.  Paint a Portrait of a Story Character  Make a Movie or Video on IPAD  Write a Song  Use PICTOCHART  Sculpture  Advertisement  Draw Character or Scene from Book  Make a Collage  Take Photos  Act out sections of a book  Make a Play or Skit  Make a Game  Make Puppets or Paper Dolls  Make Comic Strip or Cartoon  3-D Project  Lego Design  Pattern Design  Make a cartoon  Make a Mobile  Junk Art  Mural  Make an Instrument  Origami  Make a Dance  Make a Web Page  Make Jewelry  Paper Mache  Make Kites  Tissue Paper Art  Nature Art | | Memory Game  Telephone Game  Pack a Bag Game  Board Games  Dice Games  Online Games  Do or Make a Scavenger Hunt  Mancala  Logic puzzles  Geometry puzzles  Card Games  Map Games Team Competitions  Scattegories  Treasure Hunt  Bingo with A Focus  Charades  Pictionary  Heads Up (app)  Hopscotch with Vocabulary words  Jeopardy/Quiz game related to unit  Debate game  Would You Rather…  What if…  P.E. Games  Create a New Sport  Make up a Game  Educational Video Games  Invent or Learn a magic trick | Resources for Teachers:   * IPAD apps: ApproLearning, teachers recommend apps for download for all content areas * Edtechteacher.org * Scholastic.Com * Click2Science.com * ScienceBob.com * Ipl.org/div/kidspace * Readingrockets.com * everythingESL.net * DMPL.org * Sciowa.org/scaleup * Stemfinity.com * IPTV.org/classroom * Itunesu (app or app store)   Online Education Games/Sites:   * Scholastic. Com * Kid.nationalgeographic.com * Gameonlearning.com * Gameclassroom.com * Brainnook.com * Dsc.discovery.com * Prongo.com * Funbrain.com * PBSkids.org   Virtual Field Trips:   * Google “Lit Trips” * Google “Virtual Field Trips” * Pbslearningmedia.org * IPTV.org/learingmedia * Smithsonian.org | | Real, In-House Guests  Neil Smith National Wildlife Refuge  Blank Park Zoo  Springbrook Aquatic Education  Saylorville Lake  Polk County Conservation  City of Des Moines Parks  Des Moines Waterworks  Terrace Hill Governor’s Mansion  State Capitol Building  Living History Farm  Iowa Gold Star Museum  Iowa Hall of Pride  Iowa Historical Museum  Culture-All  Ballet Des Moines  Des Moines Art Center  Des Moines Metro Opera  Des Moines Playhouse  Des Moines Symphony  Metro Art Alliance  Gateway Dance Theatre  Science Center of Iowa  Mid-America Energy  Botanical Garden  Iowa Soy Bean Association  Farrell’s for a karate class  Dance studio  Library  Pappajohn sculpture park  Hy-Vee dietician  Fire Department  Police Department  Courthouse  Post Office  Bank  Climb Iowa (for Rock Climbing)  Bowling  Landfill  Grey’s Lake for boating  Recycling Center  Baseball/Hockey/Soccer games |